

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for network-based information management, comprising the steps of:
 - 2 (a) initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying information
 - 3 selected by a user;
 - 4 (b) retrieving the information associated with the markers;
 - 5 (c) displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first habitat
 - 6 utilizing a network;
 - 7 (d) allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first habitat;
 - 8 and
 - 9 (e) allowing the first habitat to access a second habitat for retrieving information
 - 10 from the second habitat.
- 1 2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the second habitat retrieves information
- 2 from the first habitat.
- 1 3. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the first habitat selects portions of the
- 2 retrieved information for display based on user-input.
- 1 4. A method as recited in claim 2, wherein the first habitat connects directly to the
- 2 second habitat for retrieving the information from the second habitat.
- 1 5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat sends out a request for
- 2 desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves the desired
- 3 information from at least one of the habitats responding to the request.

- 1 6. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat is in communication
2 with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats is formed.
- 1 7. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein an application communicates with the
2 first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
- 1 8. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the first habitat interacts with an
2 application for performing tasks.
- 1 9. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein each of the habitats has an assigned
2 address.
- 1 10. A computer program product for network-based information management,
2 comprising:
3 (a) computer code for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for
4 identifying information selected by a user;
5 (b) computer code for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
6 (c) computer code for displaying the selected information on an information screen
7 of the first habitat utilizing a network;
8 (d) computer code for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of
9 the first habitat; and
10 (e) computer code for allowing the first habitat to access a second habitat for
11 retrieving information from the second habitat.
- 1 11. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the second habitat
2 retrieves information from the first habitat.
- 1 12. A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat
2 selects portions of the retrieved information for display based on user-input.

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- 1 13. A computer program product as recited in claim 11, wherein the first habitat
2 connects directly to the second habitat for retrieving the information from the
3 second habitat.
- 1 14. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat
2 sends out a request for desired information to a plurality of habitats and retrieves
3 the desired information from at least one of the habitats responding to the
4 request.
- 1 15. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat is
2 in communication with a plurality of habitats such that a sub-network of habitats
3 is formed.
- 1 16. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein an application
2 communicates with the first habitat for retrieving information therefrom.
- 1 17. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein the first habitat
2 interacts with an application for performing tasks.
- 1 18. A computer program product as recited in claim 10, wherein each of the habitats
2 has an assigned address.
- 1 19. A system for network-based information management, comprising:
2 (a) logic for initiating a first habitat having markers utilized for identifying
3 information selected by a user;
4 (b) logic for retrieving the information associated with the markers;
5 (c) logic for displaying the selected information on an information screen of the first
6 habitat utilizing a network;

- 7 (d) logic for allowing a plurality of users to view the information screen of the first
- 8 habitat; and
- 9 (e) logic for allowing the first habitat to access a second habitat for retrieving
- 10 information from the second habitat.

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